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Toni Hardesty, Director  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 N. Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706

Dear Director Hardesty:

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 39-116B and your subsequent letter dated April 22, 2009, I write to today to inform you of the City of Caldwell's decision as it relates to implementation of a vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

Caldwell City Council held a public hearing and took public testimony on this issue July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and at that time, City Council voted to support Canyon County in their efforts to find alternatives to vehicle emissions testing.

I know I speak for myself and City Council when I say we will continue to encourage city employees and our citizens to be good stewards of their environment through actions, policies and education. In the past few years, we have implemented several sustainability programs, such as: 4-day work weeks in departments where feasible, such as streets and water, a no-idling policy for city buildings and city vehicles, burn ordinance, covered load ordinance, best management practices training for small businesses, and support of the phase 1 vapor recovery program. Additionally, we've requested from DEQ a list of ozone-friendly landscaping and once that is received, intend to encourage and require use of those plants and trees by developers within our city limits.

We thank you and your DEQ staff for all your assistance over the past year as we in Canyon County struggled with implementation of House Bill 586. Pete Wagner and Leonard Herr were especially helpful. I look forward to finding ways Caldwell can further partner with DEQ to explore options for reducing emissions in the Treasure Valley.

Warm Regards,

Garret L. Nancolas, Mayor  
City of Caldwell

